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The list below shows mineral deposits in some of the areas of North Korea which were being mined or surveyed for future mining operations by the Central Mining Research Department of the North Korean Ministry of Commerce in 1950.¹

Area	Minerals in Deposits	Remarks
Chunghwa-myŏn (125-47, 38-52) (YD 4105)	Anthracite coal	Sadong mines.
Taep'yŏng (125-37, 38-59) (YD 2718)	Graphite, coal	Being mined.
Kyomip'o (125-37, 38-45) (YC 2792)	Iron	Being mined.
Chaeryŏng (125-37, 38-24) (YC 2853)	Iron	Five mines active; fifteen others planned.
Kaech'ŏn (125-54, 39-42) (YD 4998)	Iron, coal	
Haengyŏng (129-56, 42-32) (EC 7709)	Sulphur, lead	Deposits in Yonggye-myŏn. May be coal at depth of 265 meters.
Unyŏngdŏng (129-34, 42-23) (EB 4792)	Coal, granite	Generally in area.
Nanam (129-41, 41-43) (EB 5718)	Monazite, iron, gold coal, sulphides.	Alluvial gold deposits.
Kyŏngsŏng (129-41, 41-40) (EB 5713)	Coal, possibly aluminum ores	Deposits north of city along both sides of main road.
Songjon-dong (127-37, 41-25) (CA 8485)	Gold	Six mines.

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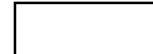
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Myongch'on (129-28, 41-12) (EA 3961)	Monazite, gold	Alluvial gold deposits.
Minwon (126-04, 40-53) (BA 5329)	Grindstone, coal	Puk-ri area.
Yongyon-dong (126-09, 40-43) (BA 5911)	Monazite, gold, copper	Hanlung-ni area.
Maengbu-san (126-58, 40-48) (CA 2818)	Gold	One mine; area west of Kosokgol Mountain.
Haji-dong (126-48, 40-36) (CV 1498)	Monazite	Alluvial deposits near Undong.
Songjin (129-12, 40-40) (EA 1701)	Graphite, monazite	Deposits inexhaustible. Five graphite mines, one monazite processing plant.
Chongsong-dong (124-50, 40-24) (XE 5673)	Gold	Alluvial deposits in two areas.
Andol (126-16, 40-07) (BV 6744)	Gold	Two mines.
Komsal-lyong (127-06, 40-05) (CV 3838)	Gold	Eight mines.
Wong'yongjang (127-31, 40-08) (CV 7443)	Tungsten, gold, asbestos	Eight tungsten mines.
Kosong-dong (125-37, 39-51) (YE 2414)	Tungsten, graphite, gold, monazite	Four gold mines.
Naech'ang (126-28, 39-54) (BV 8319)	Gold	Heavy deposits.
Top'yong (126-34, 39-52) (BV 9215)	Graphite, mica, gold, monazite	Area immediately south of Top'yong.
Sonch'on (124-55, 39-48) (XE 6407)	Gold, copper, monazite	
Chongju (125-13, 39-42) (XD 9096)	Gold, graphite, zinc, copper, monazite	Seven gold and one graphite mine.
Napoh'ongjong (125-22, 39-41) (YD 0395)	Gold, graphite, mica tungsten	Three gold and two graphite mines.
Yongbyon (125-48, 39-49) (YE 4011)	Graphite, anthracite, iron, monazite	
Arillyong (126-06, 39-43) (BV 5100)	Anthracite coal, iron	One iron and eight anthracite mines.
Ch'olsan (124-40, 39-46) (XD 4303)	Monazite, gold	Alluvial deposits on shore north of Pul-to.
Unjon-dong (125-25, 39-36) (YD 0786)	Monazite, graphite	Graphite being mined.

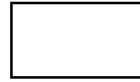
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Uri-do (124-46, 39-27) (XD 5268)	Monasite	Alluvial deposits on sand flats in area.
Sukch'on (125-37, 39-24) (YD 2564)	Gold, monasite	Alluvial deposits.
Sunap (125-41, 39-12) (YD 3242)	Gold	Two mines and six alluvial deposits being mined.
P'a-up (126-00, 38-59) (BU 4019)	Gold, copper	
Sangwon (126-06, 38-51) (BU 4804)	Graphite, gold anthracite, tungsten, cement.	Tungsten mine in Santong-nyon.
Tonam-nyong (127-41, 38-53) (CU 8604)	Gold	Twenty-eight mines or surveyed areas.
Ch'angdo-ri (127-40, 38-30) (GT 8461)	Gold	Four mines
Chin'gang-p'o (approximately 124-58, 38-28) (IC 7257)	Gold, monasite	Alluvial deposits at mouth of stream west of Songsu.
Okdong-ri (127-07, 38-27) (GT 3657)	Asbestos, gold	Kochal-ri area.
Sanyang-ni (127-40, 38-13) (GT 8330)	Iron, iron-sulphides, copper, gold, lead	Area west of Sanyang-ni.

- 1 Comment. The list is not exhaustive, and several of the older mining areas have been omitted because they are already well known. It is believed that some of the data, however, are new or more detailed than those previously available.



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